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Sen. **Keating** pressing Administration on Laos. He challenges Pres. **Kennedy** to outline, step by step, Administration counter-moves if the Laos situation continues to worsen. . . . Rep. **William Cramer** (R., Fla.) in a wide-ranging attack on Cuban developments, described the Kennedy policy as "talk big and carry a wet mop."

Cordiality on **Fidel Castro's** part toward international prisoner broker **James Donovan** worrying some Administration critics. They fear Donovan may be middleman in possible Castro-Kennedy Deal. . . . **Miró Cardona** charges that with the leashing of the Cuban exiles hope for the "liberation of Cuba is fading."

Soviet officials increasingly touchy over world criticism of Berlin Wall. When Foreign Minister **Gromyko** was questioned about it by Norwegian journalists he finally covered his ears with his hands and shouted: "I don't want to hear it anymore." . . . **Ilya Ehrenburg** reportedly still refusing to re-edit the second part of his memoirs dealing with the **Zhdanov** period (late forties) under **Stalin**, despite pressure from Central Committee of the Party. . . . Winners of Lenin Peace Prize this year include atom spy **Bruno Pontecorvo**, who defected to Moscow in 1950, and Pres. **Modibo Keita** of neutralist Mali. . . . Keita's former sidekick in the We-Love-Moscow African group, Pres. **Sékou Touré**, making gestures of friendship toward the pro-Western Monrovia group. . . . **Ben Bella** strengthening his hold over Algerian government with ouster of **Moussa Hassani**, the #3 man. Ben Bella, who now holds five key portfolios in his own government, expected to entertain Castro en route home. . . . Best seller in London, the **Radcliffe** report on the **Vassall** spy case. The report criticized sensationalized newspaper reporting of the case.

Voted down by the House, proposal of Liberal Rep. **William Fitts Ryan** (D., N.Y.) that federal payments be cut off to schools practicing segregation. . . . **Clare Engle** (D., Calif.) joining **Harrison Williams** (D., N.J.) in sponsoring legislation in the Senate to repeal section of Taft-Hartley Act permitting states to enact right-to-work laws. . . . Recent California poll shows former Senator **William Knowland** the front-runner among possible GOP candidates to oppose Engle next year. . . . Nothing phony about strenuous efforts by Ohio's Gov. **James Rhodes** to cut state expenses if bureaucratic howls are good indices. (They are coming through loud and clear but the governor seems not to be listening.) . . . **Richard Duran**, labelled extremist, etc. by **George Romney** during campaign, is suing for a million bucks; may even get it.

When asked what would happen if Labor wins the next British election, Sir **Roy Welensky** (head of disintegrating Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland) commented: "They might stab us in the breast and no

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